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**PART I
COVER SHEET**

CAP 2 SEMESTER 1 WEEK 13

COURSE: Rickenbacker Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 4

LESSON TITLE: Drill and Ceremonies - Close and Extend in Column

LENGTH OF LESSON: 50 Minutes

METHOD: Demonstration - Performance

REFERENCE(S): AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies*, Chapter 4

AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS/ACTIVITY MATERIAL(S): None

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVE: N/A

COGNITIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: N/A

AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVE: The objective of this series of lessons is for each cadet to know all of the military drill required of a basic cadet.

AFFECTIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: Each cadet will willingly learn each of the drill movements and perfect them to required military standards.

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PART II TEACHING PLAN

Introduction

ATTENTION: Good afternoon. Glad to see all your bright and shiny faces after a hard day at your regular studies.

MOTIVATION: Some time ago you learned how to form the flight at close interval in line and reform at normal interval. However, I did not instruct you on closing or extending while in line.

OVERVIEW: Today, we are going to learn how to close and extend while in column, both at the halt and while marching.

TRANSITION: FALL IN!

Body

MP 1 The flight will be formed as previously instructed.

MP 2 Close or Extend March. To obtain close interval between files when in column at normal interval at a halt or while marching at quick time, the command is **Close, MARCH**. To obtain normal interval from close interval, the command is **Extend, MARCH**.

Close March (Halted). On the command **MARCH**, the fourth element stands fast. The remaining elements take the required number of right steps, all at the same time, and halt together. The third element takes two steps, the second element takes four steps, and the first element takes six steps.

Extend March (Halted). Reverse the procedures used to obtain close interval to obtain normal interval.

Close March (Marching). On the command **MARCH**, which is given on the right foot, the fourth element takes up the half step (beginning with the left foot) following the command of execution. The third element obtains close interval by pivoting 45 degrees to the right on the ball of the left foot, taking one 24-inch step (with coordinated armswing) toward the fourth element, and then pivoting 45 degrees back to the left on the ball of the right foot. The second element takes three steps between pivots, and the first element takes five steps between pivots. The original direction of march is resumed; the half step is taken up once close interval is obtained;

and dress, cover, interval, and distance are reestablished. On the command **Forward, MARCH**, all elements resume a 24-inch step.

Extend March (Marching). The same procedures and steps used to obtain close interval are used except the command is given on the left foot and the pivots are made on the right foot.

MP 3 Let me emphasize this point. Open and close march can only be done while in column, not in line. In order to be at close interval in line the unit must fall in at close interval and fall out to be reformed at normal interval.

MP 4 Time will be taken to practice these movements and integrate them into other drill movements. Practice Makes Perfect.

Conclusion

SUMMARY: During this period, you have learned to close and extend in column, both at the halt and while marching.

REMOTIVATION: You are becoming seasoned troops in your second year of training and have demonstrated your willingness to succeed in this program, keep up the good work!.

CLOSURE: Read those portions of the drill and ceremonies manual that pertain to what you have learned thus far and continue your studies into the manual of the guidon. **FALL OUT!**

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**PART III
LESSON REVIEW**

LESSON OBJECTIVE(S): The objective of this lesson was for each cadet to learn how to close and extend in column while at the halt and while marching.

LESSON QUESTIONS: None